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Hi again. What a start to the new turning year, we have had our first meetings and full reports are later in this newsletter.

Genese and I had an outing to Stirling Markets in the heat hoping it would be cooler up there. Not much, but lots of shade. Wandering around I came across a Woodturners stall. He had some very nice stuff including bowls, platters and some mantle clocks. As is the way Genese went off looking at the rest of the market whilst I remained to have a chat. A really nice bloke but for the life of me I cannot remember his name. He knows Tim S and apparently bought an old Woodfast lathe from someone who Tim knew who collected wood, maybe Ron Allen, many years ago. During the course of our conversation he mentioned that he had recently been hospitalised with Bowel Cancer. From talks he previously had about 'nasty wood' with the 'man' who sold him the lathe he wondered if there was any connection to his cancer and timbers he had turned.

I have had a good look on the net and Googled a lot but have not found any relationship to wood and bowel cancer BUT this doesn't mean there isn't one.

I think it is a good idea for us all to be aware of the nasty effects some woods can have on us. The publication Australian Trees and Shrubs from the IWCS has an excellent, but not full, list of woods and their toxic properties. It needs to be recognised that the toxicity ranges from very mild to very severe and does not necessarily affect everyone.

There are two major effects, skin irritants, including mucous membrane, and respiratory irritants. With the skin this can range from mild itching to severe dermatitis. With respiratory irritations can be a mild cough to full respiratory shutdown, I do not kid you. Wood can be very nasty. There are also woods which have been proven to cause Nasal Cancer, European Beech *Fagus sylvatica* and African mahogany *Khaya spp.* to name just two. Also beware the Coolamon tree (shitwood) *Gyrocarpus americanus* it can cause blindness.

Myself, I cannot work with Camphor laurel *Cinnamomum camphora* or Juniper both of which make me quite severely short of breath. The other week I was turning some Blackwood *Acacia melanoxylon* and I thought my nose was going to explode the mucus membranes became that inflamed.

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Do you know what you are turning?
What precautions do you take to ensure your own health?
I make a habit now of looking up any new pieces I get hold of. If I don't know what it is I pretend it is *Excoecaria agallocha*. Why? Look it up.
So look after yourselves and have fun turning.

Dennis Murray

A Readers Contribution



THE BOWER BIRDS!

You may have heard the saying, “bees around a honeypot”,
But are we fond of honey, as far as I know, we're not,
However, when you mention wood, a very different story's told,
And here's a little tale which to you I will unfold.
A trailer pulled up here one day, Tim Skilton and his mates
Were offering some timber, at the usual generous rates,
So all the crowd went rushing, formal meetings were forgot,
And like those buzzing bumble-bees, around that honeypot,
They swarmed around, pulled pieces out, grabbed anything they could
And paid their dough to Brian, for those odd-shaped bits of wood,
There was red gum; there was mallee burl,
Blackwood, Huon pine,
And like all the other turners, I made sure some bits were mine!

And just as fast as Tim drew up, the load just disappeared,
And all those little “woodies”, had a grin from ear to ear.



Tim Smeaton

Meeting Reports:

Saturday 21st January

Numbers: We had an excellent turnout (no pun intended) 27 of us rocked up to enjoy an excellent morning. Spurtles and Spatula were the topics of the day. We had every lathe in use and could have used more. In fact I didn't get a look in and will be taking a lathe next meeting. 5 school lathes plus NT 8 lathes all purring along nicely.

Visitors: Stuart Crisp, Allan Galloway, Ron Young, Ray Edwards

New members: Ron Young signed up as Full Member, Ray Edwards as temp member

Todd Des Roches was given his membership pack and welcomed as a full member.

Demonstration: George was the main man and swiftly got into Spurtles along with a bit of history, it's amazing how a bit of stick for stirring porridge can cause so much discussion. Then everyone got stuck in to make their own.

Meanwhile Ron Allen was in the top corner with a group of visitors and newer members who wanted to look afresh at the basics.

This was a rousing success proving that two activities can run concurrently with really good outcomes. Following lunch and show and tell (see below) George led us in the making of Spatula. Again all lathes were in use.

Show and Tell:

Todd Des Roches, Vase, Lychee *Litchi chinensis* and Lidded Box, wood unknown
David Rose, Segmented Bowl, ?Red Myrtle ?*Nothofagus cunninghamii* New Zealand Pine
Pinus radiata
Jan Beare, Natural Edge Bowl and Square Edge Bowl, Olive, *Olea europea*
Glenn Kutchen, Christmas Tree and Bowl, Red Gum *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*
Tony Davies, 3 Bowls, 1 River Cooba *Acacia srenophylla*, 2 Merbau, *Intsia bijuga*, 3 Poplar Box *Eucalyptus populnea*
Ron Allen, Assorted Pens, *Variouusus penatum*
I am fairly certain that if I have any of these names wrong I will be told, but be nice.

Saturday 28th January

Numbers: 52 (yes 52) 5 lathes in use

Visitors: John Quast and Stuart Crisp

New members: John Ragless was presented with his badge and will get a full pack next meeting

Demonstration: David Rose demonstrated the intricacies of turning TULIPS. With some patience and use of paints these can be a lovely decorative piece, small, large and with or without stamen.

Show and Tell:

Bill Elliott, Laminated Bowl, Kwila (Merbau), *Intsia bijuga*

Brian Purcell, 3 Bowls, Holm Oak, *Quercus ilex*, Coolabah, *Eucalyptus coolabah* and Blackwood, *Acacia melanoxylon*

Graham Hawkins, Diamond Lip Bowl, Oak, *Quercus* ???

Roger Humphris, Coffee table legs, Pine, *Pinus* ??? and Ear ring stand, Yaka, not sure on this one could be our old mate the Grass Tree or was it Fiji Yaka (Pacific Rimu) *Dacrydium nidulum*

Tim Smeaton, Egg Box, Olive, *Olea europea*, and Bowl, Mango, *Mangifera indica*

During the General Meeting a new treasurer was appointed, see below.

A request to have a subscription of Woodturning added to our library was voted on and approved.

A request for the purchase of chaps and safety gear for chainsaw will be discussed at our next committee meeting.

Des and Margaret Whitburn from INTERNATIONAL TIMEPIECES attended with their wares and much money was spent.

Jan Beare was confirmed as Assistant Treasurer/Secretary for 3rd Saturday Meetings

Northern Turners Exhibition 2012 Port Adelaide

The venue has been booked for next year and the exhibition will be on from the 8th to the 24th of September 2012.

Committee Report:

Our first meeting for 2012 was held at 0900 on Saturday January the 28th.

Full minutes are put out at our 4th Saturday Meeting so I am not going to bore you with all the details.

Our Treasurer Barry Victor has unfortunately had to resign the position due to work commitments. This was subsequently reported at the General Meeting and Ron Allen was voted in as new Treasurer.

Discussions were held re programming and you may be tapped on the shoulder.

Big Morning Tea will be held in JUNE, SEE PROGRAM, DUE TO A CLASH WITH MMoM

FOURTH SATURDAY MEETING – Feb 25th

This will be the first of our fun competitions. VOLUNTARY

Groups of three will be given three pieces of wood. Each group will then need to make, a lidded box, a candle stick and an object of their choice.

See, easy.

All you need to bring are your tools some ideas and maybe some accessories to make your bits a little more interesting.

Dennis Murray

VOLUNTARY PROGRESSIVE COMPETITION!

Each piece will be judged by 3 broad criteria; clarity (is it what it is supposed to be) 10 points individualism (sets it apart from others) 10 points and finish (the difference between good and great) 10 points. Your entry each month will need to be in a box or other protection and marked with your name.

Also, didn't think I needed to mention this but..... all pieces must be made specifically for these competitions please do not recycle old stuff you may have in a drawer somewhere.

Competition Round 1 due by (can be delivered earlier) 11am Saturday February 25th
Hollow Form, Height 200ml

Competition Round 2

OK not much response so far but I will continue to persevere

Round 2 due by 1100 March 24th

Wine Goblet, minimum stem length 100ml maximum stem diameter 7ml for at least 50% of stem length.

Urgent letter re SAturn

Hi Everyone

Many of you will be aware that we have been negotiating with El Shaddai regarding the 2012 SAturn weekend.

The date has already been changed to 13-15 July.

We are facing a considerable increase in fees this year, so the cost of the weekend will be \$180. This is still good value for 2 nights accommodation and 6 meals, but we realise it might be difficult for some of you.

The camp convenors will be providing a Christian Input session during the camp. Originally this was described as 'compulsory'. However, the latest letter uses the word 'encourage', so this session is now voluntary. This removes another sticking point for some of you. Because of the change of date and the increased cost, we will need to know numbers early. We have to pay for a minimum of 35 campers regardless

of whether that many attend. Therefore we need to know what our likely numbers will be before we commit to the camp. So we are asking you to email back to indicate whether you intend to come to SAturn this year. This will give some indication as to the turnout before we pay the non-refundable \$544 deposit! If we get a positive response we will go ahead and book the date and I will send out the booking forms. All bookings will then need to be in by 10th April. This will enable us to cancel without further penalty if we don't get enough takers. Let's hope we get the best roll-up yet!!!

We look forward to hearing back from you.

Cheers

Cate and Jeff

In the interest of keeping our club healthy I pass on the contents of my medicine box and their uses.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Wine</u>	<u>Daily Dose</u>
Acne	Médoc, Cabernet Franc	1 glass
Anemia	Barbera, Dolcetto	2 glasses
Allergies	Pinot Noir	1 glass
Bronchitis	Brunello, Cabernet Sauvignon	2 glasses
Constipation	Chardonnay	2-4 glasses
Cholesterol	Dry Champagne	2-4 glasses
Diabetes	Beaujolais Nouveau	1-2 glasses
Diarrhoea	Champagne sec	1 bottle
GORD (Acid reflux)	Burgundy, Santenay Rouge	1-3 glasses
High Uric acid (Gout)	Sancerre, Pouilly Fume	2 glasses
Hypertension	Alsace, Sancerre	4 glasses
Menopause	Grenache, Syrah	4 glasses

Depression	Médoc, Tempranillo	1-3 glasses
Bladder Infection	Sangiovese	1-3 glasses
Obesity	Syrah	1 bottle
Rheumatism	Malbec or Merlot	1-2 glasses
Sleep Apnia	Port	1 glass (4 oz)
Erectile Disfunction (ED)	Any of the above	Doesn't matter
	Cheers!	

I Wish ☺

In the case of the last item on the list, the wines do not cure they are the cause, drink in moderation, (it wont help but you have to say that)

NEWS FLASH

Saturn is on!!!!

Forms will be distributed soon.

Lets make this the biggest and best yet.



NORTHERN TURNERS PROGRAMME

	<u>ACTIVITY / DEMONSTRATION</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Material needed.</u> You are encouraged to bring your own.
FEB 18	Captive Rings practice Childs rattle	RA + GP	Pine or similar timber 45mm x 45mm x 170mm long
FEB 25 SF	Team Competition	DM	Tools and Enthusiasm Accessories (see write up in Turnout)
MAR 17	Natural edge bowls & Bowl design	RA + GP	Bowl Blank
MAR 24 BE	Using Danish Oil for the best Finish and Tips on Demonstrating	TS	Bring your oil, brushes, rags and pieces to work on
APR 21			
APR 28 BB	Pepper Grinders	JG	Standard Mechanism and timber to suit
MAY 19			
MAY 25TH > 27TH	MERRY MONTH OF MAY		HOSTED BY COPPER COAST WOODWORKERS KADINA
MAY 26 DR	Round Robin	Var	
JUN 16			
JUN 23 DM	Lidded Boxes with Resin Inlayed Lids <i>Big Morning Tea</i>	RA	Lidded Box with hollow in lid for resin
JUL 13TH >15TH	SATURN		Yes, we will lend out Lathes, if you are <u>definitely</u> going you can book one now, Names to Mick Adley please.
JUL 21			
JUL 28 SF			
AUG 18			
AUG			

25			
SEP 8TH > 24TH	NORTHERN TURNERS EXHIBITION		PORT ADELAIDE
SEP 15			
SEP 22	Annual General Meeting Round Robin	Com Var	'Think not what your club can do for you, but, what you can do for your club'
OCT 20			
OCT 27			
NOV 17			
NOV 24			
DEC 8	XMAS BREAKUP		BYO PICNIC OR FOOD TO SHARE , for further discussion, Drinks, Chairs and Tables Possible Venue BOTANIC PARK